

# YOUTH CAMP LICENSING STAFF REQUIREMENTS

## DIRECTOR OF AQUATICS

Proof of all current certifications must be presented during the annual camp inspection to representatives of the Connecticut Department of Public Health to assure that individuals in key staff positions are properly qualified.

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***Note: When the camp waterfront or swimming activities are in operation, the camp shall have three separate individuals serving as the Camp Director, Director of First Aid or Nurse, and Waterfront Director.***

- A. Must be age 20 or older; **and**
- B. Must be certified in the American Red Cross CPR/AED for the Professional Rescuer and Healthcare Provider, American Red Cross CPR/AED for Lifeguards or American Heart Association BLS for Health Care Provider **and**
- C. Must satisfy one of the following:
  - 1. Certified in American Red Cross Lifeguard Training. ARC trained lifeguard must also have ARC “Waterfront Skills” for oversight of ponds, lakes, streams, rivers and Long Island Sound.
  - 2. Certified in YMCA Lifeguard
  - 3. Certified Boy Scouts of America Lifeguard
  - 4. National Pool Lifeguarding Qualification (NPLQ) Royal Life Saving Society (UK)
  - 5. Certified in NLS Pool Lifeguard or NLS Waterfront Lifeguard (Canada)
  - 6. Ellis & Associates course completion or license for ILTP (for special facilities)
- D. When special waterfront features exist, documentation of appropriate training is required.
  - 1. ARC Water Park Module OR
  - 2. ARC Lifeguard Management OR
  - 1. YMCA Lifeguard OR
  - 2. Directors of Water Amusement Rides, Waterslides (those into bodies of water other than swimming pools) and Wave Pools must provide documentation of training from an authoritative source in waterslide and wave pool activities. The authoritative source must have published standards, guidelines or other instructional materials from a nationally recognized organization.

Camps with amusement rides, including waterslides and wave pools must complete a Department of Public Safety license application for an Amusement Park Ride. Call the Office of the State Fire Marshall at the Department of Public Safety at 1-860-685-8460 for any questions about the application process. Amusement rides must have approval from the State Fire Marshal’s office.

Directors of water amusement rides, waterslides and wave pools are required to be present at the activities whenever campers or staff are involved in water amusement ride, waterslide and wave pool activities.

When there are separate and distinct waterfront areas and activities are being done concurrently, more than one on-site qualified aquatic director is required at each waterfront area.